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1955



# BRIGG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Health Department,  
Bridge Street,  
Brigg.

*To the Chairman and Members of  
the Brigg Urban District Council*

Gentlemen,

In the continued absence of Dr. F. J. O. King the Medical Officer of Health, it has fallen on me as his Partner to act as Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and as such I present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Brigg Urban District during the year 1955.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Trevor Spurr, M.R.S.I. is included and we are indebted to him for the information therein contained.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN H. WILLIS, M.B., B.S.

*p.p.* F. J. O. KING, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.



# Public Health Officers of the Authority, 1955

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Medical Officer of Health—

FRANCIS J. O. KING, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.  
(Dublin University).

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Clerk to the Council—

JOSEPH J. MAGRATH, F.C.C.S., A.R.V.A.

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Water Engineer, Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector—

TREVOR SPURR,  
M.R.S.I., A.M.I.S.E., A.M.Inst.H.E., A.M.S.E., C.I.S.B.,  
A.M.Tech.I.

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Officer to Enforce Bye-Laws—

INSPECTOR J. CAPES.

## Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

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|                                |      |      |      |           |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Area in acres (land and water) | .... | .... | .... | 982       |
| Population Census, 1951        | .... | .... | .... | 4,508     |
| Population Registrar General,  | .... | .... | .... | 4,410     |
| No. of Inhabited Houses, 1954  | .... | .... | .... | 1,300     |
| Rateable Value, 1954           | .... | .... | .... | £25,832   |
| „ „ 1955                       | .... | .... | .... | £52,126   |
| Product of a Penny Rate, 1955  | .... | .... | .... | £103 16 6 |
| „ „ „ „ 1954                   | .... | .... | .... | £101 2 9  |

## General Circumstances of the District

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The Urban District covers an area of 982 acres. The Population, according to the 1951 Census was 4,508. This has remained practically stationary. Approximately three quarters of the Population dwell east of the River and one quarter west of it.

The land on the west side of the River Ancholme is low, being about 10 feet above ordnance datum. The soil of this low land is peaty with clay sub soil and some sand so that many of the houses are very damp.

The east portion of the district runs from the river to its highest part above Wrawby Road and Albert Street, roughly 20 to 25 feet above Ordnance datum. The soil here is sandy and less inclined to produce damp.

Brigg Town is an important Agricultural Centre and Market Town in North Lincolnshire. This Market—held on Thursdays attracts large numbers from the surrounding Rural areas. In a report of this size it is impossible fully to enumerate the manifold activities of those employed in the district or resident in the district and employed outside.

The following industries and their workers should however be mentioned. The Farmers Company, makers of Cattle Food, Fertilizers, etc.; Messrs. Springs and Laws Mineral Waters and Table Delicacies. The British Sugar Corporation just without the district. Messrs. Corah's Hosiery Factory which employs large numbers of girls and young women, Messrs. Peacock and Binnington's Agricultural Machinery. To them must be added : Workers in the Brewery, Electricity and Gas Undertakings on the British Railways, Agriculturists, workers in Road Transport, Building, Timber Merchants, Rope Making, Printing, Ironmongery, the Motor Trade, Provision Merchants, Clothing and Drapery, House Furnishers, Hotels, Licensed Victuallers, Local Government Service, Post Office and Police, the Press and many others.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year 1955

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Live Births—Total 60 (Males 30, Females 30).

Legitimate. Total 58 (Males 28, Females 30).

Illegitimate. Total 2 (Males 2).

Still Births—Total 1 (Illegitimate Male).

Still Birth Rate, 16.6.

Birth Rate, 13.6

Deaths. Total 71 (Males 36, Females 35).

Death Rate, 16.1.

Corrected Local Death Rate, 11.75.

Number of Women dying in Childbirth, Nil.

From Sepsis, Nil.

Other Maternal Causes, Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year, 1 (1 Illegitimate, Male).

Infantile Mortality Rate, 16.6.

Deaths from Measles, Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough, Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2), Nil.

Deaths from Cancer, 11 (Males 4, Females 7).

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks, 1 (1 Illegitimate Male).

## Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year 1954 for Comparison.

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Live Births—Total 72 (Males 30, Females 42).

Legitimate. Total 68 (Males 28, Females 40).

Illegitimate. Total 4 (Males 2, Females 2).

Still Births—Nil.

Still Birth Rate—0.

Birth Rate, 15.97.

Deaths. Total 69 (Male 36, Females 33).

Death Rate, 15.3.

Corrected Local Death Rate, 11.75.

Number of Women dying in Childbirth, Nil.

From Sepsis, Nil.

Other Maternal Causes, Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year, 3 (1 Legitimate, Male, 2 Legitimate, Females).

Infantile Mortality Rate, 41.66.

Deaths from Measles, Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough, Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2), Nil.

Deaths from Cancer, 8 (Males 6, Females 2).

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks, 2 (1 Legitimate, Male, 1 Legitimate, Female).

## Notification of Infectious Diseases.

*The following Diseases are notifiable in the Brigg Urban District :—*

|                                         |                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Smallpox                                | Paratyphoid Fever                               |
| Scarlet Fever (Scarlatina)              | Cerebro Spinal Fever                            |
| Chickenpox                              | Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis)       |
| Puerperal Fever & Pyrexia               | Ophthalmia Neonatorum                           |
| Continued Fever                         | (Notifiable to County M.O.)                     |
| Relapsing Fever                         | Acute Primary Pneumonia                         |
| Cholera                                 | Dysentery                                       |
| Plague                                  | Trench Fever                                    |
| Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) | Malaria                                         |
| Erysipelas                              | Encephalitis Lethargica                         |
| Enteric (Typhoid Fever)                 | Typhus Fever                                    |
| Measles                                 | Whooping Cough                                  |
|                                         | Acute Rheumatism (notifiable to County M.O.H.). |

*Ophthalmia Neonatorum must be notified direct to the County Medical Officer as Child Welfare Authority.*

## Precautions taken on occurrence of a case of Infectious Disease.

The case is visited by the Sanitary Inspector or Medical Officer. In the case of Enteric Fever, Smallpox, Encephalitis Lethargica, or Cerebro Spinal Fever, by both Officials. The Inspector renders on the day of his visit a report on the circumstances of the case and the efficiency of isolation.

A written questionnaire as to Inmates of the House, Source of Infection, etc., is thus perused by the Medical Officer of Health at the earliest possible opportunity. The case is removed to an Isolation Hospital where considered expedient.

Where the case is isolated at home, instructions and liquid disinfectant are given to those nursing the patient and a card is left for the medical attendant to complete when disinfection may safely be carried out.

In particular cases, infected bedding or mattresses are destroyed and compensation is paid after the consideration of the merits of the case by the Health Committee of the Urban District Council. It is essential that no bedding should be destroyed until inspected by an official of the Council or in exceptionally urgent circumstances a qualified medical practitioner who can testify as to its condition.

## General Provision of Health Services Hospital Accommodation.

The following is a summary of the principal hospitals and institutions serving the area :—

### (a) *General Hospitals.*

| <i>Institution</i>                            |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of beds<br/>available<br/>(Normal<br/>Peace time<br/>capacity.)</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grimsby and District Hospital                 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 237                                                                        |
| Lincoln County Hospital                       | .... | .... | .... | .... | 178                                                                        |
| Scunthorpe War Memorial Hospital              | .... | .... | .... | .... | 256                                                                        |
| Louth and District Hospital                   | .... | .... | .... | .... | —                                                                          |
| John Coupland Hospital, Gainsborough          | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40                                                                         |
| Alexandra Hospital, Woodhall Spa (Rheumatism) | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30                                                                         |

### (b) *Infectious Diseases Hospitals.*

| <i>Institution</i>                |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of beds<br/>available</i> |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------------------------|
| Laceby Small Pox Hospital         | .... | .... | .... | .... | 48                               |
| Foxby Hill Hospital, Gainsborough | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30                               |
| Brumby Isolation Hospital         | .... | .... | .... | .... | 26                               |
| Skegness Isolation Hospital       | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12                               |
| Grimsby Corporation Hospital      | .... | .... | .... | .... | 76                               |

### (c) *Accommodation for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.*

| <i>Institution</i>           |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of beds<br/>available</i> |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------------------------|
| Branston Hall Sanatorium     | .... | .... | .... | .... | 68                               |
| Brumby Isolation Hospital    | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14                               |
| Grimsby Corporation Hospital | .... | .... | .... | .... | 103                              |

(d) *Maternity Homes*

| <i>Institution</i>            |      |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of beds available</i> |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------------|
| Cleethorpes Maternity Home    | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 16                           |
| Scunthorpe Maternity Hospital | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 24                           |
| Gainsborough Maternity Home   | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9                            |
| Brigg Glanford Hospital       | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9                            |

(e) *Accommodation provided by the County Council in connection with National Assistance Institutions for the treatment of the sick poor.*

| <i>Institution</i> |      |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of beds</i> |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| Gainsborough       | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 65                 |
| Spilsby            | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 64                 |

(f) *General Public Health Hospitals provided by the County Council.*

| <i>Institution</i>      |      |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of beds</i> |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| Brigg Glanford Hospital | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 83                 |
| Louth County Hospital   | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 240                |

(g) *Mental Hospital.*

| <i>Institution</i>                   |      |      |      |      |      | <i>No. of Beds available</i> |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------------|
| Bracebridge Heath Hospital           | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 850                          |
| The Lawn Hospital, Lincoln (Private) | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100                          |

(h) *Mental Defective Institutions.*

| <i>Institution</i>                 | <i>Provided by</i>                                  |     | <i>No. of beds available</i> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| Harmston Hall Colony               | Lincolnshire Joint Board for the Mentally Defective |     | 334                          |
| Caistor Institution for Defectives | do.                                                 | do. | 120                          |

# Brigg Urban District. Infectious Diseases.

Notified during 1955.

| 1955                    | Total | 0-1 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25 and over | 65 up |   |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------------|-------|---|
| Scarlet Fever ....      | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Measles ....            | 34    | 5   | 9   | 10  | 7   | 2     | —     | 1           | —     | — |
| Whooping Cough ..       | 63    | 5   | 15  | 17  | 23  | 1     | —     | 2           | —     | — |
| Chicken Pox ....        | 114   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Mumps ....              | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Pneumonia ....          | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Erysipelas ....         | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Smallpox ....           | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Diphtheria ....         | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Enteric ....            | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| C. S. Meningitis ....   | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Poliomyelitis ....      | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Ophthalmia ....         | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ....  | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis  | 4     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | 4           | —     | — |
| Non.-Pulm. Tuberculosis | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | —     | —     | —           | —     | — |

## **Notes on Infectious Diseases**

### **1955.**

1955 has been remarkably free from notifiable Infectious Disease.

There were 34 cases of Measles and 114 cases of Chicken Pox, as well as 63 cases of Whooping Cough. Whooping Cough is now rarely seen in its pure form, as a result of widespread immunisation. Most cases which can be labelled Whooping Cough are mild manifestations of this disease. Many cases of slight Chronic Cough occurring in children who have been immunised may be mild attacks of Whooping Cough, which do not develop fully into the full-blown dangerous disease, and in which the characteristic "Whoop" is not heard.

Widespread immunisation against Whooping Cough seems to be doing a very great service and to be stamping out the disease in its serious form.

It is high time the interpretation of Infectious Disease was brought up to date.

Our knowledge of Infective Hepatity (Calantrol Jaundice) is not great nor is our knowledge of Virus Pneumonia. There are more serious diseases than Measles and Whooping Cough, although they rarely attack adults. The only way to study them is to make them notifiable and in this way to collect details of every case. The same applies to Glandular Fever, usually, but not always a mild disease, but one which hangs on to the sufferer, usually a young adult, and may be the cause of many weeks off work.

# Diphtheria Immunization and Vaccination

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It is vital to secure that 75% of babies are immunized before their first birthday. At present the highest rate under 1 year is about 55%. The 75% (in England and Wales) has only been attained in those considerably older. It is estimated that only 28% of those under 1 year were immunized in 1951.

If parents leave their children un-immunized there will be a recurrence of Diphtheria outbreaks. **DIPHTHERIA is as deadly as ever** in the unprotected.

Parents must remember that if their children are immunized in infancy they will need " Boosting " doses when they start school.

Immunization against Whooping Cough is also of considerable benefit, and it is now customary for doctors to combine the two types of immunization in one course of injections.

Vaccination is also most necessary and in infancy causes trivial discomfort and gives adequate protection. Only by wide-spread vaccination can we be sure of keeping Small Pox, with its high mortality, out of this country.

Particulars of diphtheria immunizations, vaccinations and re-vaccinations carried out in Brigg Urban district during 1954 are given below :

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATIONS

|                                      |      |      |      |      |    |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Under five years of age ....         | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 |
| Between five and fourteen years .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 28 |
| Boosting Doses ....                  | .... | .... | .... | .... | 68 |

## WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATIONS

|                     |                                 |            |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Under one year....0 | Between one and four years....1 | Total....1 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------|

## COMBINED DIPHTHERIA and WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATIONS

|                      |         |      |      |      |             |
|----------------------|---------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Under one year....29 | 1....15 | .... | .... | .... | Total....44 |
|----------------------|---------|------|------|------|-------------|

## VACCINATIONS

|                |            |           |                 |             |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Under one....5 | 1-4....Nil | 5-14....2 | 15 or over....4 | Total....11 |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|

## RE-VACCINATIONS

|                  |            |             |                 |            |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| Under one....Nil | 1-4....Nil | 5-14....Nil | 15 or over....2 | Total....2 |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|

## Schools.

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Two Schools in the area require modern, well ventilated and lighted premises. They are (1) Brigg Infants School (2) Catholic Elementary School.

More spacious accomodation is required in both cases.

The former still has inadequate playing ground and is overcrowded.

**Glebe Road School** is well constructed and served its purpose for a number of years. Extra accommodation has been provided by Temporary Hutments.

A new School is being built in Redcombe Lane. This will eventually be a three-stage school.

**Brigg Grammar School and Brigg Girls High School** have modern conveniences and structure and excellent sites, but need more buildings to maintain their excellent records of progress.

**Brigg Preparatory School** though not modern in construction appears to have sufficient accommodation, though lacking in playground accommodation. I understand that arrangements are being made for the transfer of the school to a more spacious building in Bigby Street.

**St. Mary's Convent** (Manor House School) has a good building and spacious grounds.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is in most cases good. In a few places however, improved lavatory, bathing and washing facilities would be beneficial.

## **Water Supplies.**

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By the Regional Water Scheme through the North Lindsey Water Board, water in bulk is brought to the Brigg Urban Area from a source outside the district and is delivered under pressure. A few houses in Bridge Street are on a Private Supply derived from a spring in the Castlethorpe area. 12 houses are on "Well Supply" and 12 on communal supply.

The Regional water comes from Limestone sources and is of a high degree of purity, but is excessively hard. I understand a scheme is in being to correct this at the source.

Ninety five per cent of houses are supplied. And less than three per cent are on communal supply and well water.

## **Drainage and Sewerage.**

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Surface water is drained in to the River Ancholme.

Sewage from the Central and Peripheral areas of the district gravitates to the Central Reservoir at the Gas Works and is pumped from there to the Sewage Disposal Works at Redcombe Lane. The sewage from the new Council housing estate to the North of the town is pumped direct to the Sewage Disposal Works. The Disposal Works consist of Sedimentation Tanks, Bacteria Beds of Slag Media with revolving sprinklers, humus tanks and final treatment by Slag media Contact Beds. Further tanks, a Detritus Chamber, more Bacteria Beds, were suggested locally 5 years ago.

A comprehensive scheme of reconstruction of the works was reduced to a scheme of repair and modified reconstruction.

**After an inspection of the Sewerage Works at Redcombe, it is obvious that these works are highly unsatisfactory and a new scheme should be proposed as quickly as possible.**

## **Pail Closets.**

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There are still about 151 houses in the Urban District with Pail Closets. Although this is a far smaller number than previously, the sooner they disappear completely, the better.

Once again the objections to Pail Closets are enumerated :—

- (1) Too much handling of excreta on the premises or in the streets.
- (2) The impossibility of preventing access of flies and therefore the risk of contamination of food causing infection.
- (3) The difficulty of cleaning the utensils and keeping them and their surroundings in sanitary condition.
- (4) The risk of passing infection from individual to individual.
- (5) The fact that Pail Closets must be downstairs for efficient emptying and the consequent hardship to invalids and the aged.
- (6) The tendency of the occupier to mix rubbish and excreta.

## Cancer.

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Eleven deaths from Cancer (4 Males, 7 Females) occurred in the Urban District during 1955.

The incidence of cancer is increasing throughout the country. This is in some measure due to the fact that, owing to the advance of medical science in the last 20 years, people are prevented from dying from other diseases and live to greater ages, eventually to become victims of cancer which is on the whole a disease of the elderly. However, even for cancer there are greatly improved measures of treatment available, both medical and surgical.

**It is very necessary that early advice should be sought,** for in most cases **early** discovery and treatment can mean **cure**.

Once again certain symptoms are enumerated which should always be investigated although they do not always indicate cancer.

- (1) Persistent indigestion.
- (2) Persistent Anæmia.
- (3) Persistent Diarrhœa.
- (4) Increasing constipation.
- (5) Difficulty in urination.
- (6) Persistent discharges or bleeding.
- (7) Loss of weight.
- (8) Irregular monthly bleeding.
- (9) Lumps in breast, lip, tongue or other situation.
- (10) Persistent skin ulcers.
- (11) Warts that ulcerate.
- (12) Persistently enlarged glands.

Radium and deep X-ray never make cancer worse. Early treatment prevents secondary deposits of growth. Quack remedies delay effective treatment making secondary deposits almost certain.

## **Condition of Premises where Food is prepared.**

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**Bakehouses.** Six on the register. None are underground. One contravention of Regulations occurred and was remedied during the year. Adequate lighting and ventilation are essential.

**Offensive Trades.** There are 4 premises in the district and in 1955 there were 6 inspections. No contraventions.

**Shop's Act, 1950.** 41 premises were inspected. 1 contravention occurred and was remedied.

**Meat Manufacturers' Premises.** 9 premises registered. 12 inspections. 1 contravention remedied.

## **Care of the Aged in their Homes.**

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The committee, set up in 1950 to help with the co-ordination of efforts made by various bodies to help the aged, has continued to do good work in 1955.

It is a severe symptom of our time that people have come more and more to rely on public bodies to be responsible for their old relatives. As the welfare state takes on more and more responsibility, so the individual is able to shed his responsibilities and duties. The effect of this on the character of young people is already showing itself. Every effort should be made to encourage voluntary charitable work.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951**

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Powers of removal and Hospitalization are vested in the local authority on application to a Magistrates' Court—for elderly and helpless people who are unable to look after themselves, and are unable to be looked after at home. At any time after 6 weeks the patient may make application to have the order revoked.

**Slaughter House.** For pigs only. Condition good. No contraventions.

**Food Poisoning 1955.**

- (1) Total number of outbreaks. Nil.
- (2) Number of cases. Nil.
- (3) Number of deaths. Nil.

**Minor Ailment Clinics for Schoolchildren, Infant Welfare Centres and Ante Natal Clinics.**

- (1) Infant Welfare Clinic 2 p.m. every Friday at The Cedars, Bigby Road.
- (2) Ante Natal Clinic 10 a.m., 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday in the month at The Cedars, Bigby Road.
- (3) Minor Ailments Clinic every Thursday 10 a.m. at The Cedars, Bigby Road.

Health Visitor, Brigg, Nurse Hudson, The Cedars, Bigby Road, Brigg.

Brigg District Nurse, Mrs. C. M. Drury, 11, Queen Street.

Home Nursing Service is under the management of the County M.O.H.

**General Hospital Services** have also worked smoothly. There is still a shortage of beds in hospital for the chronic sick and aged.

**The Home Help Service** still needs more helpers.

## **Tuberculosis.**

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A special Tuberculosis Clinic is held at The Cedars, Bigby Road, Brigg on Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. The Tuberculosis Officer, (Lindsey County Council), Dr. Reubin is in charge of the clinic.

Again the incidence of fresh cases of Tuberculosis in 1954 was low.

|               |                                                                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Notifications | Pulmonary cases 7 (Males 2, Females 5).<br>Non-Pulmonary cases 1 (Males Nil, Females 1). |
| Deaths        | Pulmonary cases 1 (Female)                                                               |

# REPORT OF WORK DONE BY SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1955

**Total No. of New Houses erected during the year :—** 43

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| (I.) By the Local Authority ....       | 28 |
| (II.) By other Local Authorities ...   | —  |
| (III.) By other bodies or persons .... | 15 |

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year :—

|                                                                                                                                                                   |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ....                                                  | 570 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ....                                                                                                               | 602 |
| (2) (a) No. of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (I) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ....        | —   |
| (b) No. of inspections made for the purpose ....                                                                                                                  | —   |
| (3) No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ....                                    | —   |
| (4) No. of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .... | —   |

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—

|                                                                                                                               |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| No. of Defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .... | 4 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|

## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :

|                                                                                           |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—                       |   |
| (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .... | — |
| (2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—     |   |
| (a) by owners ....                                                                        | — |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners                                               | — |

|     |                                                                                                                                                        |    |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (b) | Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—                                                                                                                |    |
| (1) | No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ....                                                   | 10 |
| (2) | No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—                                                               |    |
| (a) | by owners ....                                                                                                                                         | 8  |
| (b) | by Local Authority in default of owners                                                                                                                | —  |
| (c) | Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—                                                                                       |    |
| (1) | No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ....                                                                            | —  |
| (2) | No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ....                                                                               | —  |
| (3) | No. of dwelling-houses subject to undertakings or closing orders ....                                                                                  | 2  |
| (d) | Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—                                                                                               |    |
| (1) | No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ....                                                       | —  |
| (2) | No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit .... | —  |
| (e) | Proceedings under sections 25 and 26 :—                                                                                                                |    |
| (1) | No. of Clearance Orders made ....                                                                                                                      | —  |
| (2) | No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance thereof ....                                                                                            | —  |

#### 4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.

|     |                                                                         |     |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (a) | (I.) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ....        | 5   |
|     | (II.) Number of families dwelling therein                               | 8   |
|     | (III.) Number of persons dwelling therein                               | 37½ |
| (b) | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ....       | —   |
| (c) | (I.) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ....      | 6   |
|     | (II.) Number of persons concerned in such cases ....                    | 44½ |
| (d) | Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved .... | —   |

## 5. Housing Act, 1949.

|                                                            |           |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| (a) No. of applications for grants received                | ....      | — |
| (b) No. of grants made                                     | .... .... | — |
| (c) No. of applications for grants made by Local Authority | .... .... | — |

### Moveable Dwellings, Tents, Vans, &c.

|                                                  |           |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| No. of site licences                             | .... .... | 2  |
| No. of individual licences                       | .... .... | —  |
| Total Number of Caravans permitted under licence |           | 24 |
| No. inspected during year—Sites                  | .... .... | 4  |
| —Dwellings                                       | .... .... | 4  |
| No. of contraventions remedied                   | .... .... | 2  |

### Food Premises.

#### Bakehouses.

|                       |           |   |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| No. in district       | .... .... | 6 |
| No. of Inspections    | .... .... | 4 |
| No. of contraventions | .... .... | — |
| Defects remedied      | .... .... | — |

#### Control of Milk Supplies.

|                                          |           |   |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| No. of distributors on register          | .... .... | 3 |
| No. of Dairies on register               | .... .... | — |
| No. of Inspections of Dairies            | .... .... | 2 |
| Contraventions remedied                  | .... .... | — |
| No. of milk samples taken : Satisfactory | .... .... | — |
| Unsatisfactory                           | .... .... | — |

#### Ice Cream and Meat Products.

|                                                  |           |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| No. of premises registered for sale of Ice Cream | ....      | 23 |
| No. of manufacturers : (a) Ice Cream             | .... .... | 3  |
| (b) Meat Products                                | ....      | 9  |
| No. of inspections made (a) Ice Cream            | ....      | 14 |
| (b) Meat Products                                | ....      | 9  |
| No. of Contraventions found (Meat Products)      | ....      | 1  |
| No. of Contraventions remedied (Meat Products)   | ....      | 1  |

#### Slaughter Houses.

|                           |           |   |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| No. on register           | .... .... | 2 |
| No. of Inspections        | .... .... | — |
| Contraventions of by-laws | .... .... | — |
| Defects remedied          | .... .... | — |

#### Other Food Premises.

|                                |           |    |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----|
| No. of inspections             | .... .... | 10 |
| No. of Contraventions found    | .... .... | 1  |
| No. of Contraventions remedied | .... .... | 1  |

## **Foods Condemned.**

**Meat :** 5 tins Minced Beef Loaf, 24 lbs. Corned Beef, 2 lbs. Ox Tongue, 32½ lbs. Cooked Ham, 10 lbs. Pig Livers, 1 jar Meat Past.

**Fruit :** 161 lbs. Cherries, 11 tins Tomatoes, 3 tins Grapefruit, 1 tin Peaches, 220 lbs. Apricots, 8 tins Pears, 4 tins Pineapple, 6 tins Plums, 4 tins Apple, 1 tin Raspberries.

**Vegetables :** 4 tins Peas, 2 tins Beans.

**Soups :** 1 tin Meat Soup.

**Milk :** 4 tins Evaporated Milk, 1 tin Full cream.

**Jams :** 4 jars.

**Sweets etc. :** 17 packets Brandy Snap, 7 blocks Turkish Delight, 32 Choc. Tea Cakes.

## **Method of Disposal of Condemned Food.**

Stained under agreement with Messrs. Hossell of Grimsby.

**Meat :** Hossell of Grimsby.

**Other Foods :** Controlled Tipping.

## **Drainage and Sewerage.**

### **Closets.**

|                                                           |      |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| No. of houses with privy vaults in district               | .... | —    |
| No. of houses with pail closets in district               |      | 145  |
| No. of pail closets repaired ....                         | ...  | —    |
| No. of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles .... | .... | 7    |
| No. of houses with water-closets in district              | .... | 1102 |
| No. of water-closets repaired                             | .... | —    |

### **Drains.**

|                                       |      |   |
|---------------------------------------|------|---|
| Drains examined, tested, exposed, &c. | .... | — |
| „ unstopped, repaired, &c.            | .... | — |

### **Sewers.**

Any part of district urgently requiring public sewers and/or treatment works for public health reasons (state briefly reasons) :

Eastfield Road, end of Glanford Road, lane off St. Helens Road, lane off Bigby Road, and Westrum Lane.

The above will be carried out this year under Private Street Works Improvement Schemes.

### **Cesspools.**

|                                  |      |      |    |
|----------------------------------|------|------|----|
| Cesspools emptied, cleansed, &c. | ...  | .... | 59 |
| „ abolished                      | .... | ...  | —  |

## General.

### Offensive Trades.

|                             |      |      |      |   |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|---|
| No. of premises in district | .... | .... | .... | 4 |
| No. of Inspections          | .... | .... | .... | 2 |
| Contraventions of by-laws   | .... | .... | .... | — |
| Contraventions remedied     | .... | .... | .... | — |

### Knackers Yards.

|                    |      |      |      |      |      |   |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---|
| No. licensed       | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | — |
| No. of inspections | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | — |
| Defects remedied   | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | — |

### Shops Act, 1950.

|                         |      |      |      |    |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|----|
| No. of shops inspected  | .... | .... | .... | 23 |
| Contraventions remedied | .... | .... | .... | 2  |

### Water Supply.

New sources of supply—public :

New circular system from high pressure main installed to meet housing development demands.

|                                                        |      |                     |      |      |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------|------|------|---|
| New sunk                                               | .... | ....                | .... | .... | — |
| Closed as polluted....                                 | .... | ....                | .... | .... | — |
| No. of houses supplied from public mains—on premises   | 1210 |                     |      |      |   |
| —standpipe                                             | 12   |                     |      |      |   |
| No of houses supplied from private sources—on premises | —    |                     |      |      |   |
| —not on premises                                       | 36   |                     |      |      |   |
| No. of samples taken for chemical examination—         |      |                     |      |      |   |
| Satisfactory.....                                      | 3    | Unsatisfactory..... | 1    |      |   |

### Disinfection.

|                                 |      |      |      |   |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|---|
| Rooms disinfected               |      |      |      |   |
| (a) ordinary infectious disease | .... | .... | .... | 3 |
| (b) tuberculosis                | .... | .... | .... | 2 |
| Rooms stripped and cleansed     | .... | .... | .... | — |
| No. of premises disinfected     | .... | .... | .... | 3 |

### House Refuse.

|                                                |                 |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| No. of premises from which refuse is collected | ....            | 1,643              |
| Frequency of Collection                        | ....            | Weekly             |
| Method of Disposal                             | ....            | Controlled Tipping |
| Is this satisfactory?                          | ....            | Yes                |
| Is collection by Local Authority or contract?  | Local Authority |                    |

## Nuisances.

Total number of Nuisances during year :—

|     |                                                                |    |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (1) | Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector .... | 31 |
| (2) | Reported to Council { Statutory notice issued                  | —  |
|     | "      "      not issued                                       | 10 |

### Details of Nuisances Abated.

### *After Informal Intimation*

|                                        |      |      |      |      |      |    |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Smoke                                  | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | —  |
| Accummulation of refuse                |      |      | .... | .... | .... | 5  |
| Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water |      |      | .... | .... | .... | —  |
| Fowls, pigs and other animals          | .... |      | .... | .... | .... | —  |
| Dampness                               | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4  |
| Dangerous Premises                     | .... |      | .... | .... | .... | 5  |
| Drainage                               | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3  |
| Yards repaved or repaired              |      |      | .... | .... | .... | —  |
| Other nuisances                        | .... |      | .... | .... | .... | 14 |

## Rat and Mice Destruction.

|                                                        |      |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|----|
| No. of rodent operatives employed (part time)          | .... | 1  |
| No. of premises treated :—(a) dwelling-houses          | .... | 9  |
| (b) other premises                                     | .... | 12 |
| Are there any serious reservoirs of rats in district ? | .... | No |

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## Causes of Death in Brigg Urban District, 1955.

| Causes of Death                     | M  | F  |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|
| Respiratory Tuberculosis ....       | 0  | 1  |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ....     | 0  | 0  |
| Syphilis ....                       | 0  | 0  |
| Diphtheria ....                     | 0  | 0  |
| Whooping Cough ....                 | 0  | 0  |
| Cerebral Spinal Meningitis ....     | 0  | 0  |
| Measles ....                        | 0  | 0  |
| Other Infectious Diseases ....      | 0  | 0  |
| Cancer (Stomach) ....               | 0  | 1  |
| Cancer (Lungs) ....                 | 1  | 0  |
| Cancer (Breast) ....                | 0  | 3  |
| Cancer (Uterus) ....                | 0  | 0  |
| Other Cancers ....                  | 2  | 3  |
| Leukaemia ....                      | 0  | 0  |
| Diabetes ....                       | 0  | 0  |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage ....           | 10 | 12 |
| Coronary Disease ....               | 6  | 1  |
| Heart Disease and Hypertension .... | 0  | 0  |
| Other Heart Diseases ....           | 7  | 7  |
| Other Circulatory Diseases ....     | 1  | 1  |
| Influenza ....                      | 2  | 1  |
| Pneumonia ....                      | 0  | 1  |
| Bronchitis ....                     | 1  | 0  |
| Other Respiratory Diseases ....     | 0  | 0  |
| Gastro Duodenal Ulcer ....          | 1  | 0  |
| Gastro Enteritis ....               | 0  | 0  |
| Nephritis ....                      | 1  | 0  |
| Prostatitis ....                    | 0  | 0  |
| Congenital Malformations ....       | 1  | 0  |
| Other Def. Diseases ....            | 3  | 4  |
| Accidents—Road Traffic Act ....     | 0  | 0  |
| Other Accidents ....                | 0  | 0  |
| Suicide ....                        | 0  | 0  |
| Homicide or War ....                | 0  | 0  |
| Poliomyelitis ....                  | 0  | 0  |
| Pregnancy Childbirth ....           | 0  | 0  |
| <hr/>                               |    |    |
| All Causes ....                     | 36 | 35 |



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